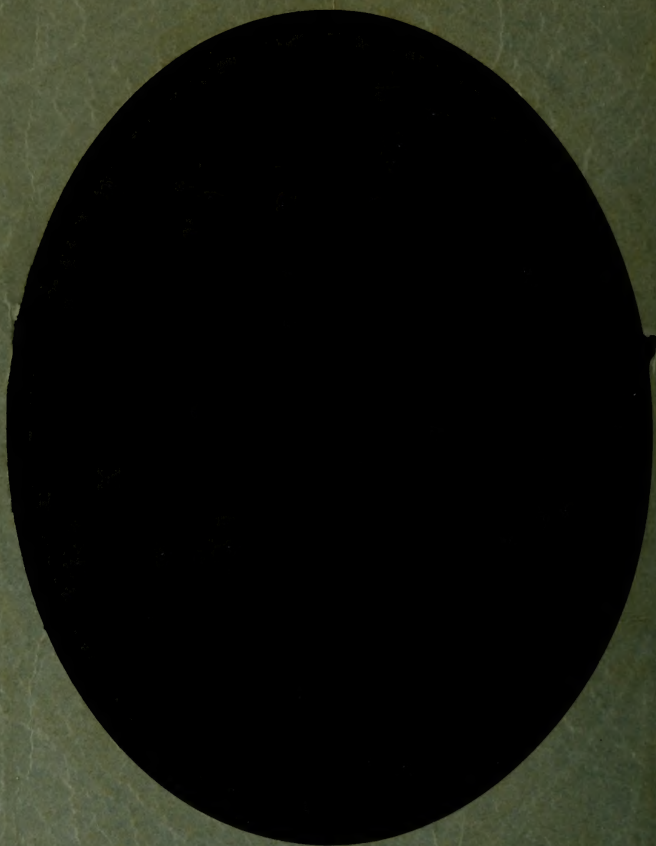




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1816 SHADES MILLS 1821
GALT

1827  1927





Old Stone Arch Bridge at Soper Park, built in 1837, now Dundas Street, formerly known as Macadamized Road, built by the Provincial Government in 1836.

GALT CENTENNIAL

AND

Old Home Week

GALT, ONTARIO, CANADA

June 29—July 4th, 1927

O Canada !

1. O Canada! Our home, and native land,
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North, strong and free;
And stand on guard, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
2. O Canada! Where pines and maples grow,
Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow,
How dear to us thy broad domain,
From East to Western sea,
Thou land of hope for all who toil,
Thou true North strong and free.
3. O Canada! Beneath thy shining skies
May stalwart sons and gentle maidens rise;
To keep thee steadfast through the years
From East to Western sea,
Our Fatherland, our Motherland!
Our True North strong and free.

CHORUS:

O Canada! O Canada!
O Canada we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada we stand on guard for thee.

Galt Centennial and Old Home Week

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Knowles.



Introductory : To quote from the "Introductory" to "Picturesque and Industrial Galt," published in 1908 by Jaffray Brothers, Limited, proprietors of the Daily and Weekly Reporter:

"The object of the publishers of this Souvenir of Galt is to do justice to the town pictorially and industrially. It is their aim, in other words, to show the most substantial and prosperous town in Canada, in all its beauty, at the opening of the Twentieth Century. The Galt of to-day is the pride of its resident. It is a community of well-to-do people; with manufactories whose products find their way into every quarter of this great Dominion; with educational institutions that rank very high; with a church life remarkable for its activity; with modern municipal machinery, and a strong public sentiment favoring progressive civic measures; with most creditable habitations for the care of the sick; with transportation facilities that make it an inviting location for manufacturers; with public bodies, such as the Board of Trade, assisting in shaping the future of the town; with all the paraphernalia, in short, of a well-ordered, well-conditioned, hopeful and ambitious Canadian community."

A lot of water has passed under Main Street bridge, on the way to Lake Erie, since the above lines were written. It was a fine town then, it is a better one to-day. Since 1902 it has been gridironed with permanent pavements, with the exception of a very few streets; it has greatly enlarged its General Hospital; built a new and very handsome and commodious Collegiate Institute; added two Ward Schools to the group of Three; promoted the Niagara Power Movement and installed the most complete Street Lighting system in Ontario, size of the city considered; erected the best Public Utilities building in the Province; developed a great and beautiful Park System; secured radial connection with Kitchener and Waterloo through the Grand River Electric Railway and with Paris, Brantford, Simcoe and Port Dover over the Lake Erie & Northern Railway; swept all telegraph, electric light and telephone poles from the central district; and added a large and modern Y.M.C.A. home to its Social Service equipment.

Further, it secured from the Government at Ottawa, through the Hon. George A. Clare and Sir Sam Hughes, a handsome Armouries; while the sporting element became sponsor through the Galt Amateur Athletic Association for an Arena.

The visitor can now look upon a Goodly City, the handsomest, cleanest and most picturesque, for its size, to be found in all Canada.

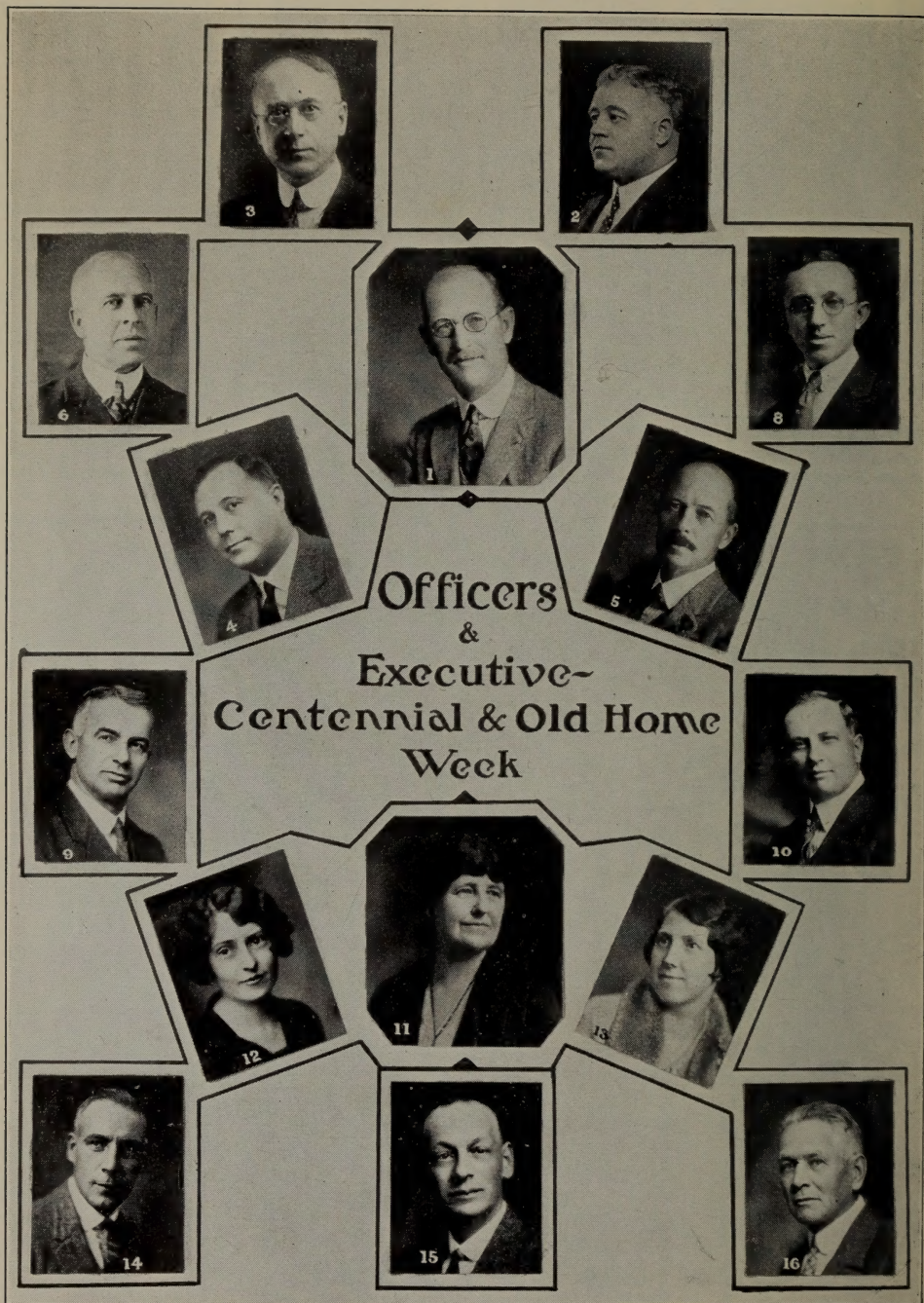
And Galt still possesses a strong public sentiment favoring progressive measures.



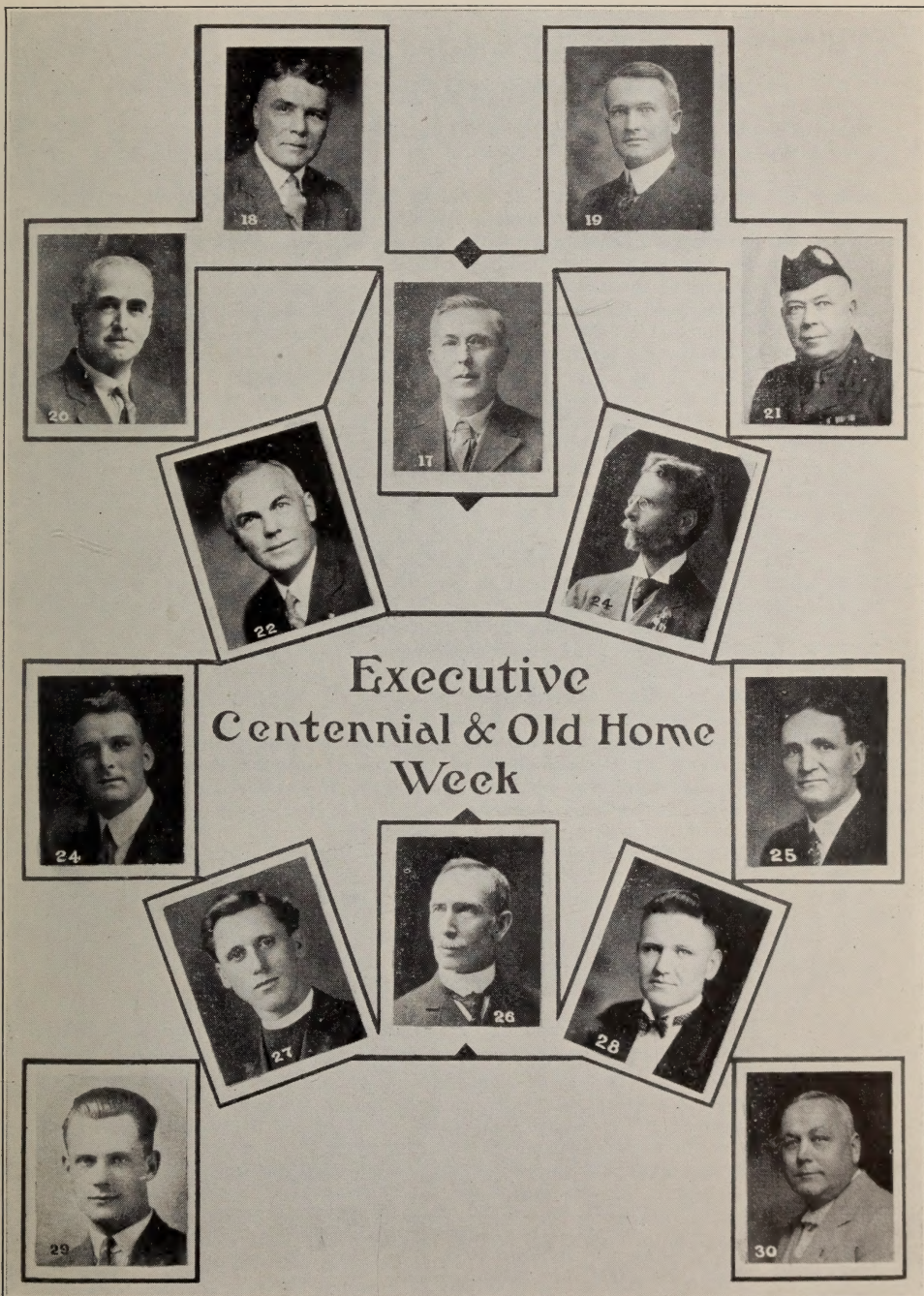
GROUP OF STREETS:—1, Blenheim Road from N. W. cor. Brant; 2, East Main Street, opposite residences of ex-Mayor A. E. Willard and ex-Mayor James E. Gardiner; 3, Lansdowne Ave., north of Wentworth Ave.; 4, Grand Ave., north from Trinity Rectory; 5, Brant Road, corner Wentworth.



1, Mayor W. S. McKay; 2, Ald. E. E. Foster; 3, Ald. J. M. Willard; 4, Ald. A. W. Hilborn; 5, Ald. Geo. Burgess; 6, Ald. R. K. Serviss; 8, Ald. L. C. Fleming; 9, Ald. D. Brayshaw; 10, Ald. J. H. Purdy; 11, Ald. J. M. Jamieson; 12, Ald. J. A. Head; 13, Police Magistrate John R. Blake; 14, City Clerk Joseph McCartney; 15, Medical Health Officer, Dr. J. H. Radford; 16, Chief of Police D. T. Boyd; 17, Treasurer C. T. Chesney; 18, Assessor A. W. Mercer; 19, Collector J. W. MacCartney



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17, Ex-Mayor J. A. McIrvine; 18, R. L. Pollock; 19, W. G. Fallen; 20, Thos. T. Aitken;
21, Col. A. J. Oliver; 22, W. A. Dixon; 24, J. P. Jaffray, upper right; 24, Sid Kirk, lower left;
25, George Hancock; 26, Dr. Thomas Carscadden; 27, Rev. J. M. Copeland; 28, Principal T. H.
Wholton, G.C.I.; 29, S. Perry; 30, F. Blair

Official Reunion Program

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

- 9.00 A.M.—Registration booth open.
 10.00 A.M.—Inauguration of Centennial by ringing of bells, blowing of whistles, etc.
 2.00 P.M.—Opening of midway in Dickson Park—opening of Made in Galt exhibition in the Queen's Square rink.
 3.00 P.M.—Arrival of Kitchener contingent of Galt Old Boys at City Hall.
 3.30 P.M.—Buddie Melva, famous boy singer of Keith vaudeville circuit and Juvenile Orchestra at Made in Galt exhibition.
 7.30 P.M.—Parade of Public School children in costume to Dickson Park.
 8.00 P.M.—Concert by 1,200 school children, conducted by J. L. Nicol.
 9.00 P.M.—Community singing.
 9.15 P.M.—Galt Y. M. C. A. entertainers and Margaret Walsh's juvenile dancers.
 9.15 P.M.—Buddie Melva and his \$1,000 banjo at Made in Galt exhibition.
 10.00 P.M.—Grand display of fireworks.
 10.30 P.M.—Street dancing on Main Street.
 10.30 P.M.—Cabaret in the Armouries.
 Model camp of Boy Scouts in Soper Park all day.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

- 11.00 to 12.00 A.M.—Organ recital in Knox's Church.
 11.30 A.M.—Presentation and unveiling of John Galt portrait in the Public Library by descendants of the Galt family.
 12.30 P.M.—Civic luncheon at Iroquois Hotel.
 2.00 P.M.—Midway open in Dickson Park.
 2.00 P.M.—Made-in-Galt exhibition.
 3.15 P.M.—Ball game, Guelph vs. Galt.
 3.30 P.M.—Buddie Melva and Juvenile Orchestra at Made-in-Galt exhibition.
 8.00 P.M.—Concert by Handel choir of 150 voices, conducted by J. L. Nicol; special numbers by male quartette; Miss Ada Bailey and Mrs. Wm. Barber and Robert Cutt.
 9.00 P.M.—Community singing.
 9.15 P.M.—Kirk's "Y" acrobats and Margaret Walsh's juvenile dancers.
 9.30 P.M.—Buddie Melva in musical melange at Made-in-Galt exhibition.
 9.30 P.M.—Arrival of Toronto Scottish Regiment at Dickson Park.
 10.00 P.M.—Grand display of fireworks.
 10.30 P.M.—Street dancing.
 10.30 P.M.—Cabaret at armouries.
 Model camp of Boy Scouts in Soper Park all day.

FRIDAY, JULY 1

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF CONFEDERATION OF CANADA

- 9.30 A.M.—Parade of Old Boys and Girls from Market Square to Central School—exercises conducted by former teachers.
 10.00 A.M.—Arrival of Toronto contingent of Galt old boys and girls and parade from C.P.R. depot to City Hall.
 10.10 A.M.—Presentation of souvenir document to Mayor McKay, to be preserved in the city archives.
 10.30 A.M.—Grand parade from Soper Park to Dickson Park, including historic, manufacturing, trades, military and comic features. Major-General McBrien, C.B., C.M.G. and D.S.O., and staff of Ottawa will take the military salute at Queen's Square.
 11.00 to 12.00 A.M.—Organ recital and rest hour at Knox's church.
 12.30 P.M.—Complimentary banquet to Maj.-Gen. McBrien by veterans of 1st Overseas Battalion.
 12.30 P.M.—Reunion luncheon of 34th Battalion veterans at Memorial Hall.
 2.15 P.M.—Reunion of G.C.I. class 1909-1914 at G.C.I. Literary Society meeting, banquet and dance in evening.

- 2.30 P.M.—Military parade, H.L.I. of C., Toronto Scottish and Boy Scouts to Dickson Park.
- 3.00 P.M.—March past, before Maj.-Gen. McBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and staff.
- 3.15 P.M.—Grand military spectacle, including trooping of the colors by Toronto Scottish.
- 4.15 P.M.—Military sports.
- 7.30 P.M.—Parade of bands and military to Dickson Park.
- 8.00 P.M.—Defense of Shanghai—realistic battle scene by overseas members of Toronto Scottish, introducing 18 pounders, machine guns, trench mortars, bombs, veri-lights and other war equipment.
- 9.00 P.M.—Elaborate military tattoo—Bands, Toronto Scottish Regimental and Pipe Bands, Highland Light Infantry, Galt Kilties and Galt Boys' Band.
- 10.00 P.M.—Magnificent display of fireworks on scale never before attempted in Western Ontario.
- 10.30 P.M.—Street dancing—Cabaret at the armouries.
- Made-in-Galt exhibition open all afternoon and evening, Buddie Melva appearing twice—Midway open all day—Model camp of Boy Scouts in Soper Park.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Continuation of Diamond Jubilee of Confederation Waterloo County Day—Tassie and Collegiate Reunion

- 10.30 A.M.—Historical parade.
- 11.00 to 12.00 A.M.—Rest hour and organ recital in Knox's Church.
- 2.00 P.M.—Made-in-Galt exhibition—Buddie Melva.
- 3.00 P.M.—Tassie and G.C.I. re-union, Rev. Canon Cody, speaker—Unveiling of portrait of late Principal Gundry—Garden party on campus.
- 3.15 P.M.—Baseball, St. Thomas vs. Galt.
- 8.00 P.M.—Carnival night—Kirk acrobats and clowns—Bands, Galt Kilties, Preston Silver Band, Galt Boys' Band, Toronto Scottish.
- 10.15 P.M.—Street dancing—Cabaret in armouries.
- Midway open all afternoon and evening—Boy Scouts model camp in Soper Park.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

- 8.00 A.M.—Praise service in Soper Park, accompanied by S.A. Band.
- 11.00 A.M.—Special church services.
- 2.30 P.M.—Parade of I.O.O.F. and Sons of England, accompanied by Patriarchs Militant, Boy Scouts and Daughters of England.
- 3.00 P.M.—Decoration services in the cemeteries.
Concerts in Victoria Park by Galt Kilties and Toronto Scottish Bands.
- 7.00 P.M.—Special services in all churches.
- 8.15 P.M.—Special massed service in Dickson Park—Singing led by combined church choirs—Address by Rev. R. E. Knowles.

MONDAY, JULY 4

- 10.30 A.M.—Parade by Detroit old boys and girls, 700 strong.
- 11.00 to 12.00 A.M.—Organ recital in Knox's Church.
- 1.30 P.M.—Junior athletic meet, Dickson Park.
- 3.00 P.M.—Senior athletic meet, featuring Cliff Bricker, Billy Reynolds and other outstanding athletes.
- 9.00 P.M.—Masquerade and parade—Street dancing—Cabaret in armouries.
- Midway open afternoon and evening—Made-in-Galt exhibition—Boy Scout model camp.

The musical arrangements for the celebration include the following bands: The Highland Light Infantry, Toronto Scottish Brass, Toronto Scottish Pipe, Galt Kilties, Preston Silver Band, Preston Oddfellows' Band, Galt Boys' Band, S. A. Band, the Galt Harmonica Band and the Mississauga Horse.



THE CITY HALL.—BUILT IN 1857

The Staunch Old City Hall

The Old Town Hall, through its tower still looks over the whole valley. Built of stone in 1857, during the Mayoralty of Morris C. Lutz, its seventy years have not weakened its walls any. It was a great building for its day and generation. Solid from the rock underneath its basement it seems there to remain for several additional generations. What it would cost to-day can only be surmised comparing present wages with the hourly or daily pay of the mason in 1867. The good mason of the early days hereabouts was well paid at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per day of ten hours. The carpenter earned about the same amount. Inasmuch as the Town Hall cost \$28,000 it may well be believed that \$150,000 would not replace it to-day.

The City Hall has an Old Country as well as a New England appearance and the fact that it has makes many wish for it a long life. For them it has an attraction all its own and where sentiment prevails it is revered for what it has been to the life of Galt. Within its walls have been launched all civic projects for seven decades. It has been a social as well as a governing centre, as for fifty years or more balls and assemblies, soirees and conversazioni were held above the Council Chamber and Municipal offices. By adding to these items of community life the dramas, melo-dramas, musical comedies, light operas and concerts that the stage there produced for the lifetime of at least two generations of Galtonians, present day citizens will be able to appraise in some measure the total of the old Hall's contribution to the gaiety of Galt.



1, New Collegiate Institute; 2, Manchester Public School; 3, Victoria Public School; 4, R. C. Separate School; 5, St. Andrew's Public School; 6, Dickson Public School; 7, Central Public School



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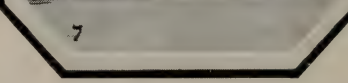
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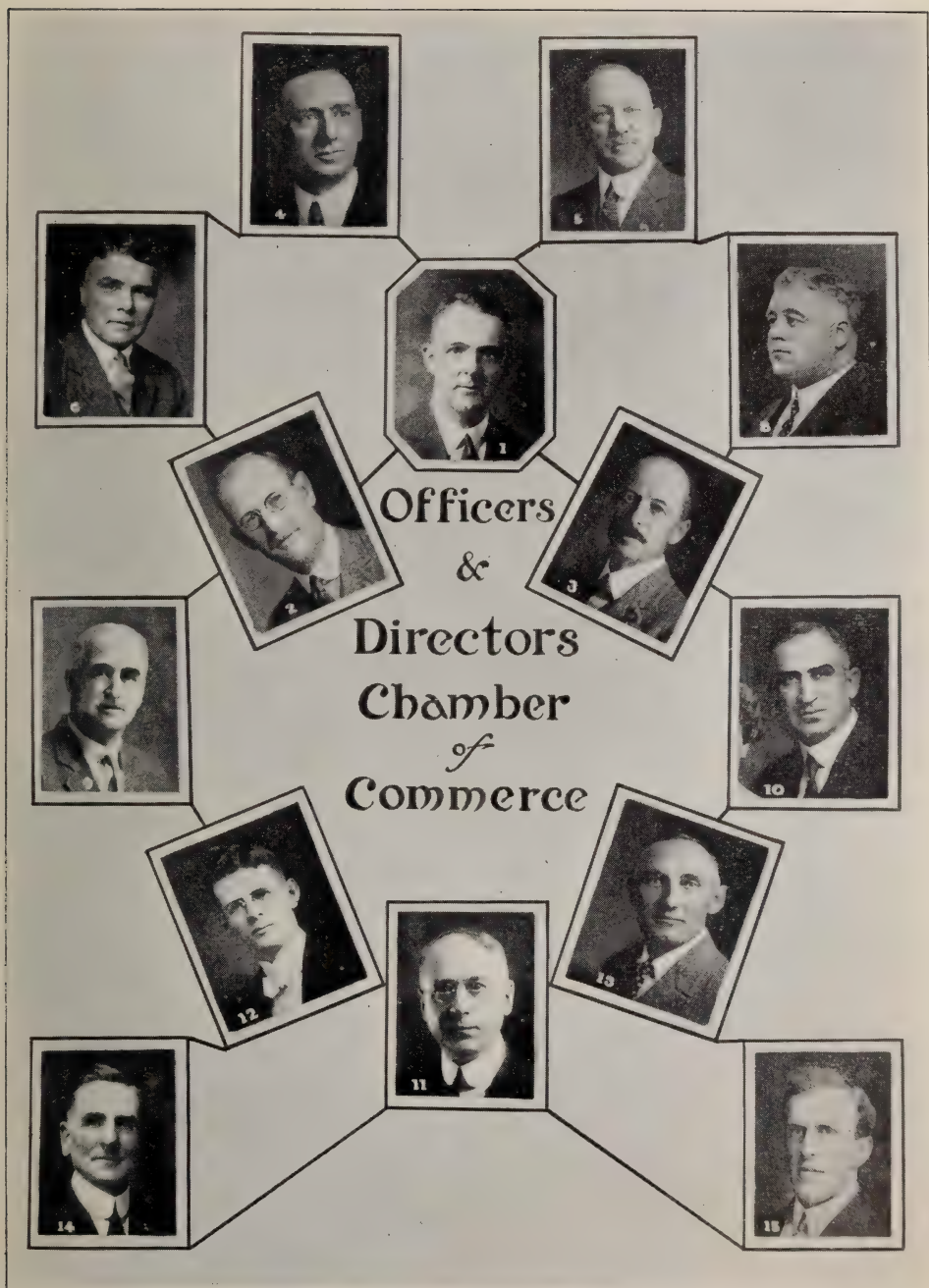
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1, St. Patrick's (R.C.) Church; 2, Baptist Church; 3, First United Church; 4, Trinity Church;
5, Knox's Presbyterian Church; 6, Central Presbyterian Church; 7, Wesley United Church



1, Allan Arnld, President; 2, Jack Campbell, Secretary; 3, Wm. Philip, Treasurer; 4, H. J. Bassett, ex-Pres.; 5, W. W. Wilkinson, ex-Pres.; 6, R. L. Pollock; 8, ex-Mayor J. E. Gardiner; 9, Thos. T. Aitken; 10, E. M. McCormick; 11, Mayor W. S. McKay; 12, J. H. Prudham; 13, Ward Vair; 14, Jas. S. Webster; 15, George E. Fisher



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION BUILDING,
Opened July 28th, 1922

Hydro In Galt

The people of Galt have every reason to be proud of their Hydro-Electric system, operated under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Hydro-Electric Commission. The romance of the whole undertaking, originated and fashioned in this county in the face of prophecies of disaster—appalling and otherwise—put into print by the opponents of the project, to-day appeals strongly to them. Looking backward they note marvellous results that more than justify the faith expressed in their campaigns for Public Power. It was declared as late as 1912 that Galt would not use 500 horsepower, and that to carry on it would be necessary to go to the Provincial Government for assistance. It is sufficient to state that to-day Galt is buying from the Provincial Commission almost 6,000 H.P. and distributing the same within its borders. The city has at present invested in the plant \$750,636.69, a surplus of \$282,644.11; 3350 domestic customers, (householders using it to lighten the burden of their work); 115 power consumers, that is manufacturers producing under the happiest conditions, because getting power at cost; and 510 services in shops, factories, offices, etc.

It is a smooth-running machine that here controls the utility. Every man in charge of a department is there for the reason that he is qualified to give 100 per cent. service. Secretary A. B. Scott and Manager Robert Elliott have grown up with the business, so to speak; as a matter of fact, Mr. Elliott has to his record no less than 34 years of service in the distribution of power and light in Galt, having come over from the private company that necessarily operated on a small scale, due to the cost of manufacturing from coal. The local Commission has never failed in its duty and thus from year to year the people have commended their work, to some of whom it has almost been a labor of love, judging by their comparatively long period of service.

The Public Utilities Building, illustrated on this page, is a splendid structure, laid out scientifically, fireproof throughout; one in short, not surpassed among the 300 utilities of the entire system.

The members of the 1927 Commission are:—Chairman, H. O. Hawke; Geo. Hancock, W. A. Dixon, J. E. Gardiner, and Mayor W. S. McKay.

Galt a Veritable Hub

From out of Galt roads run in every direction. They are like the spokes of a wheel. We have the East River Road and the West River Road, each skirting the Grand River, to Paris, connecting at that town with the highway to Brantford.

Over the Roseville Road—in Galt Blenheim Road—New Dundee is reached. Connecting with Huron Road it makes an hour's drive from Galt to Stratford possible.

The St. George Road can be used to reach the village and Brantford.

Clyde Road leads to Puslinch Township and Hespeler Road to Hespeler and Guelph.

Preston Road becomes a part of the Provincial Highway after Galt is left behind and Dumfries Township is entered. At the other end Kitchener and Waterloo are located.

East we have the Provincial Highway to Hamilton.

Sprague's Road connects Galt with Ayr and Oxford County. It is on the cards to make of it another Provincial Highway.

These leading roads provide direct connection with every adjacent County—with Perth, Oxford, Brant, Wentworth and Wellington and by next year will have a pavement of the type popular with motorists. One Provincial Highway extends from Niagara Falls to Kitchener and Waterloo, passing through Hamilton, Galt and Preston; due within a few years to extend all the way to Lake Huron.

Galt Collegiate Institute and Technical School

Early in the history of the little settlement of Galt, higher education was deemed an essential for the growing youth. In 1849, an advertisement appeared in the Galt Reporter and Dumfries Weekly Advertiser, calling "a public meeting of the inhabitants of the village" to see if an effort could be made to have the Grammar School, shortly to be removed from Palermo, established in this village. Names of representative men from all classes of society in the place were signed to this "requisition," which was forwarded to Messrs. Absalom Shade and Andrew Elliott, "two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the Gore District."

Apparently nothing came of this effort, but only three years later, the Galt Grammar School was opened, under the guidance of one Michael Howe, M.A., a graduate of Dublin University and an excellent classical scholar. A Board of Trustees was appointed consisting of three clerics, and two other leading men of the village, and a schoolroom was secured in the second storey of the Township Hall, which was situated near the present City Hall, and called by the villagers "Noah's Ark." This rough-cast, two-storey building is still preserved on Cambridge St., back of the City Hall, doing duty there as a residence.

Mr. Howe's scholastic career in Galt was a short and far from successful one, his knowledge of the classics not balancing his lack of discipline and peculiar methods of instruction. A year only, he held the position, and then yielded place to Mr. Wm. Tassie, who was at the time conducting a school in Hamilton.

The Galt school, when Mr. Tassie took charge, consisted of some seven or eight pupils only, but with real enthusiasm he undertook to build it up, and with discipline as his forte, was soon in command of the situation. As his fame spread, the classes increased, and enlargement became necessary, again and again. It was in no sense a local school, less than 20% of the students belonging to the district.

Very soon, the quarters in the old Township Hall became too cramped, and through the generosity of the Dickson family, the site at the north end of the town on which the present school stands, was secured, and a one-storey, stone building erected. In 1859, this was enlarged; a second storey was added shortly after, and in 1870-71 the two wings were built, which made the school into the shape of a Maltese cross, a form in which it stood for many years.

With so many out-of-town students, the boarding school feature was very prominent, probably the most famous of the dormitories being the Doctor's private residence on Wellington St., (now St. Mary's Convent), presided over by his most capable and kindly wife. Church attendance was divided between Knox and Trinity, and the Tassie boys were a group to be reckoned with at all gatherings in the town. Dr. Tassie drew around him an excellent band of teachers, but always held the reins of power strongly in his own hands, enforcing obedience with stern disciplinary measures.

Dr. Tassie did not favor higher education for girls, and when the Board of Trustees decided to carry out the new regulations of the High School Act, giving them equal rights with the boys, he found himself unable to conform to the new methods. For some years the girls occupied a school on North St., taught there by women teachers, with occasional classes by the men teachers of the Grammar School. Things grew steadily more difficult, and finally, in April, 1881, Dr. Tassie resigned, his resignation to take effect in July of that year. At this same meeting, the union of the classes of boys and girls was discussed, and at the following meeting a motion to this effect was carried. Dr. Tassie died in 1886, in Peterborough, where he lived after leaving Galt.

Mr. J. E. Bryant, then Principal of Pickering College, was chosen as Dr. Tassie's successor, and Mr. Thomas Carscadden was appointed English Master. That the choice of Mr. Bryant was a very happy one was shown by the fact that in a year the prestige of the school, lost during the transition period, was restored and it was established on an entirely different footing, all semblance of the boarding school having disappeared. Unfortunately Mr. Bryant's principalship was of short duration. He became affected by deafness, and in November, 1884, after having been on leave of absence for some months, preparing for the Minister of Education a series of school readers, he resigned. Mr. Carscadden, who had been acting principal during Mr. Bryant's absence, became principal on Jan. 1st, 1885. The attendance was 118, 71 boys and 47 girls, while the staff consisted of five teachers, Mr. Carscadden, English and History; C. J. Logan, Classics; G. A. Smith, Science; Geo. Ross, Mathematics; Archibald MacMechan, Moderns.

From 1885 to 1914, Dr. Carscadden continued as Principal of the Galt Collegiate Institute. Steady growth marked the years, attendance increased, scholarship developed, and character was built under his tutelage, and the fame of the school, based on different standards from those of its earlier days, became almost equally great.

At the end of twenty years, new quarters were found necessary, and after considerable bickering with the town Council and the ratepayers, a new school, incorporating the old walls within the new, stood ready for occupation, and in September, 1907, 203 pupils enrolled the first day of the session.

For seven years longer, Dr. Carscadden guided the school and its activities, resigning the Principalship in 1914, though retaining the position of English Master for ten years longer. Mr. A. P. Gundry was chosen as his successor, and for the next eight years work was carried on in the same quarters. Attendance grew rapidly, and before long, the Assembly Hall on the top floor had to be converted into classrooms, the basement was utilized for the same purpose, and overcrowding was too great for satisfactory work.

Another addition was decided on, and in the fall of 1924, the present school, built from the rock on which it stands, was ready for occupancy—a composite school, Collegiate, Commercial and Technical, one of the finest of its kind in the Province of Ontario.

In 1925, Mr. Gundry died, and was succeeded by Mr. T. H. Wholton who is with us to-day, carrying on successfully a school with 75 years of proud tradition. In the fall of 1926, 700 day and 700 night pupils registered, and the staff now numbers 26.



THE G. C. I. AND FORMER TASSIE SCHOOL UP TO 1902

The Parks of Galt

To the old boys and girls who have not been back home for fifteen or twenty years a great surprise awaits them in a look over the city's parks, to be found in every section of the old town. So complete a system cannot be found in any of Canada's small cities. And it is scarcely of age; that is, twenty-one years only have elapsed since Galt grappled earnestly with the problem of parks and playgrounds. In 1900 the town had, it must be admitted, Dickson Park, the gift of the late William Dickson. But it was largely in the rough, with only a part of the lower level in shape for ball playing, and with the "grand stand" in the hands of a private citizen. A sustained agitation for the creation of a system of playgrounds resulted in the adoption of the Commission principle in park management. While arguments pro and con were proceeding, Mr. E. Langdon Wilks, of Cruickston Park, kindly presented the municipality with twenty-eight acres of woodland on the western hills, a part of the one-time famous Dickson bush, his only condition in the deed of gift the adding of nine acres of cleared land for a playground. The expense incurred for this section was met jointly by the Town Council and a group of citizens. The beauty of this (Victoria) park now draws from botanists, landscape artists and tree lovers exclamations of surprise and delight; while the playground for tennis, softball, football and cricket during the summer months—especially in the evening when hundreds gather with ball and bat and racket—presents a scene that does honor to the community life of Galt.

The drives through the woodland portion, winding over the hills as they do, give the visitor more than one spasm of exhilaration as oaks, maples, pines, birch, linden, beech and spruce are passed. For here within seven minutes' walk of the Post Office are to be seen giants of the primeval forest, remnants of the great bush of pioneer days, saved from destruction fortunately by the Dickson Estate. When the Park Commission in 1904 started the work on the spot there were few houses about. To-day, on Wentworth and Salisbury Avenues, which are respectively its northern and southern boundaries, are residences as handsome as any in the city, all overlooking the park. The tourist driving up either of these avenues can enter the wooded portion and pierce it over two curved roadways over which the branches of the trees meet. For picnic parties there are ample facilities for the cooking of meals; a large cook-house, amply equipped, with all the wood required at hand; pure cool water; tables for scores of visitors; and a few yards distant a Pavilion with a large dance floor.



A Driveway in Victoria Park, Galt, Ont.

THE CANOPY AT THE WENTWORTH AVENUE ENTRANCE TO VICTORIA PARK
This wonderfully natural Park contains no less than thirty-six varieties of trees,
including giant oaks, maples, &c.



In Victoria Park, Galt, Canada

VICTORIA PARK PAVILION—ALMOST ENCIRCLED BY PINE TREES



ONE OF THE SWIMMING POOLS IN SOPER PARK

Where hundreds gather on warm days. Absolutely safe for children of tender years.



PAVILION—SOPER PARK



ATHLETIC GROUNDS—SOPER PARK

The Galt Arena in the distance. Room here for five Softball diamonds



BOWLING GREEN—SOPER PARK

One of the largest in Ontario. Laid out by experts in 1923. Women's Club above



HIGH PARK

Formerly First Church Cemetery. Fountain, gift of the late Alexander Buchanan



PERGOLA—ST. ANDREW'S PARK

Constructed of pioneer headstones. This unique Memorial is the only one of its kind in America



WINDING ROADWAY IN DR. SOPER'S GROUNDS, OVERLOOKING SOPER PARK

The Peony Bed in Soper Park a Wonderland

Unquestionably the largest Peony Bed in Western Ontario, if not in the Province, is located at the north end of Soper Park. Five years ago, an article on Galt's horticultural activities, in the Galt Reporter, attracted the attention of a noted peony expert in one of the Western States; correspondence ensued, carried on with Mr. W. Roelofson, a member of the Horticultural Society, culminating in an offer of some hundreds of varieties of the choicest of his productions. These duly arrived and when the planting was all concluded, other contributions from private citizens followed. Five years of growth have produced a picture for the eyes to feast upon. It is one of the most notable features of a renowned park and should be seen by all, if the late season has not interfered and set the blossoming a few days later than the usual period.

Galt Great in Sports

Sports have been in high favor in Galt since the early '30's of the last century, when crude curling stones of wood were used by some of the villagers, their open-air rink being Altrieve Lake, back on the hills.

Since those days many a curling championship has come to Galt. In some years the Province has never had greater experts than our local representatives.

For a long period Galt quilters were the best in the land.

We have had in the three McKendricks—John, Will and Harry—the champion canoeists of both Canada and the United States.

Track men have brought renown to Galt ever since the old Cricket Ground on the C.P.R. hill was the gathering place, until 1870, of the fleet-footed ones; from the days when the Wood brothers—Alex., Dave and Jack, bore into worth-while contests on both sides of the line, cleaning up along every trail invaded, down to the present, with the unbeatable Cliff Bricker successfully taking the measure of all competitors.

Our cricketers have been represented on many Provincial and Canadian elevens.

Soccerites of old carried off many championships, travelling out West on both sides of the line to chalk up records never since surpassed by Canadian elevens.

In the late Jack Bruce, who died in Minneapolis, Min., recently, the continent had one of its finest fancy, or figure, skaters—the same Jack Bruce who acquired proficiency in the art on the old Main street pond.

Galt has two lawn bowling clubs and two fine greens, with ladies participating in the sport.

Galt's golfers have progressed far enough in proficiency to be awarded one place on the Canadian team now touring the Old Land, Dr. Dan Buchanan being the representative chosen from this city.

And Galt can count among its trophies an O.H.A. championship and many minor honors taken on the ice.

And lastly we have the noted Terriers, of Amateur Balldom, twice champions of the O.A.B.A., and runners-up several times in what is acknowledged to be the smartest and most successful organization playing amateur ball in Canada.

Tennis, softball, and basketball are also popular here.

There's nothing the matter with Galt, from a sportsman's point of view.

Soper Park Improvements

Soper Park in its rough state was for decades the playground of Galt's youth. It was then known as Jackson's Field. It had a famous swimming hole at the bend near the bridge and several other spots to which the young pleasure seeker repaired on holidays—and when he played hookey from school. The field proper was low lying and the best use it could be put to in summer was to turn spots over to the circus management, that made light of rough, stoney soil; but doted on the fine creek at hand for watering the stock.

In 1902 the property was acquired by the Town Council, the Park Committee of which, for a year or two, endeavoured to better existing conditions. In 1905 the newly established Parks Commission set out to work to plans, engaging the landscape architect who had laid out the Ottawa Improvement Associations chain of drives and parks. With permanency of embellishment assured citizens slowly grew enthusiastic over the progress of betterments. Jackson's Field had become Jackson Park and so in its improved state it remained until the close of the War, when Dr. A. Soper, whose residence tops the southern portion, stepped in with a proposition to embellish it on a scale befitting its natural advantages and attractive environment, the Commission and the City to co-operate with him in the various steps taken to fill up a stagnant pond; bank Mill Creek with stone along its half-mile course; build three dams to create swimming pools for boys and girls; grade and smooth out the old canal ditch; drain the swampy cedar grove at the north end; sod the filled-in ground for the largest bowling green in Western Ontario; construct sidewalks under the arched bridge to connect the two sections of the Park; add hundreds of trees of various kinds to the elevation; lay out Soper Boulevard; erect handsome granite pillars at two entrances; and otherwise transform the property into the handsomest public pleasure ground in these parts. The taste displayed in carrying out all the features of the enterprise can scarcely be too highly eulogized. In the end the place became officially known as Soper Park. Adjoining it stands the Soper residence, along with a lawn, flower bed, field stone ornaments, a fine grove, and a semi-circular driveway—the whole surrounded, to the extent of 1200 feet, by a heavy stone fence built of the varieties of field granite found in this vicinity

Soper Park, Secretary Allan Taylor, of the Parks Commission, is confident, is in for a very busy season. Applications have already been received from outside clubs and associations and the record for last year, when as many as five and six large picnic parties would be scattered over the ground on one afternoon, may be beaten this season.

The View of All Views

The finest, most enthralling, view of Galt and surrounding country can be had from the parapet of High Park, at the head of Main Street. Here the eye sweeps over valley and hill for miles, north and south. The city and river lie below; with elevations here and elevations there; with the western hills stretching to the highest points in Mount View Cemetery and Victoria Park; with many terraced hills intervening, out of the forest growth of which peep the homes of citizens; with the spires of noble church edifices piercing the sky—truly a picture to carry away with you. As you stand on High Park you have before the eye a greater variety of trees than can be found in any other valley in Canada. From the Rose Street elevation (the old Cricket ground, you will remember) south, over to High Park, Central School hill and Craigie Lea, the western hills can in summer be seen in all the richness of their verdure—a feast for the eye; with added brilliance in September and October when Jack Frost provides all the colors of the rainbow to paint a landscape that is only natural to the Grand River Valley. Take in this view, you people who have come to celebrate Old Home Week with us.



THE PRESENT GALT FIRE BRIGADE

The Galt General Hospital

The Galt Hospital Trust, formed in 1888, had for its first Board of Trustees the following gentlemen:—Hon. James Young, President; John Goldie, vice-President; J. M. Lumsden, Treasurer; W. H. Lutz, Secretary; James Warnock, Robt. Gilholm, J. C. Dietrich, Robert Turnbull, Adam Warnock.

On a splendid site—situated at the southern end of St. Andrews street, the same having been donated by Galt's leading manufacturers, Messrs. Goldie & McCulloch—a substantial stone building was erected. At the dedication of the institution on February 11th, 1891, attended by municipal representatives from the County and adjacent towns and townships, the Provincial Government was represented by the Hon. J. M. Gibson.

In 1896 enlargement became necessary and a wing was added to the Main Building, and in 1900 a Nurses' Cottage was erected by the Women's Hospital Aid Society. Donations came to it, included in the number being an Ambulance, presented by Miss Wilks, of Cruickston Park.

The staff in 1902 was constituted as follows: Lady Superintendent, Miss Robinson; Assistant Superintendent, Miss Lorane Smith; Nurses: Miss Adair, Miss Scrimger, Miss Paisley, Miss Keeley, Miss Landarkin, Miss Wetherall, Miss Whiteman, Miss Anderson, Miss Brainerd.

Addition after addition has been built and all the facilities of the institution made as perfect as possible; Galt, the County, and Hespeler and Preston each contributing to its up-keep.

To-day the Galt General Hospital is the pride of the Community, filling as it does an important place in its life. Provincial officials credit it with being one of the best of the Standardized class. Among other items of equipment three large sun rooms overlooking the valley contributes to the contentment and recovery of the patients.

The outstanding event in recent years was the dedication of the Hugh McCulloch Memorial Home for Nurses, the gift, with very handsome furnishings, of Mr. Robert O. McCulloch, Mrs. Charles A. Shearson and Mrs. Hugh McCulloch, 2nd. In the presence of a very large number of citizens of Galt and district the ceremonies attending the same were carried through; Lieut.-Governor Lionel Clark being the chief guest and one who highly praised the munificence of the donors and as well the public spirit of all engaged in promoting the welfare of the institution.

On the afternoon of the 9th of June last the Annual Graduation ceremonies occurred on the lawn, with President James H. Cowan in the chair; on the terrace with him being Secretary W. H. Lutz, Doctors D. Buchanan, J. S. Wardlaw, J. H. Radford, James McQueen, J. R. Beaven, A. Slater, C. C. Ballantyne, King; Principal Wholton, of the Collegiate Institute; Police Magistrate John R. Blake; A. M. Edwards, M.P.; Canon Snelgrove, Rev. W. F. Bremner, Rev. W. Patterson Hall, R. R. Robertson, George Hancock and Lester Weaver of Hespeler.

The speakers were introduced by Chairman Cowan and included Mayor W. S. McKay, Rev. Mr. Bremner, Doctors Buchanan, Wardlaw and McQueen. The chief address was delivered by Col. (Dr.) Sutherland, ex-M.P.P., a strong and inspiring one. Presentations to the successful nurses in the examinations were made by Mrs. J. S. Wardlaw, Dr. Radford, Dr. McQueen, Supt. Miss LaRose, Mrs. John R. Blake, Principal Wholton and Chairman Cowan.

At the conclusion of this part of the afternoon's proceedings the hundreds of guests adjourned to the Memorial Home to partake of refreshments served by the members of the Women's Hospital Aid.

The event in its entirety was declared the best of the series.

The graduates were as follows:—Misses Elizabeth Stein, Elsie Buck, Maribel Mackenzie, Matilda Austin, Elsie Isabel Jackson, Jean Brown, Anna Lawrason Muma, Margaret Mary Stark, Isabel Elizabeth Atkinson, Doris Matthew.

The Hospital Trust for 1927 is composed of the following gentlemen: James H. Cowan, President; Col. A. J. Oliver, Vice-President; W. H. Lutz, Secretary; P. J. Wright, Treasurer; H. H. Biggs, A. M. Edwards, L. Ingall, James E. Gardiner.

Worthy of honorable mention is ex-Mayor W. H. Lutz, who has been a Trustee from the beginning—for 39 years. Dr. J. S. Wardlaw is the one remaining active physician who has been associated with the Hospital for more than thirty years.

Hospital Staff, 1927:—Superintendent—Miss Caroline L. LaRose, R.N., Post Graduate Mount Sinai Hospital, N.Y.; Assistant Superintendent—Miss Margaret Clark, R.N.; Operating Nurse—Miss Jessie Sherriffs, R.N.; Night Superintendent—Miss Matilda Austin, Acting; Secretary—Miss Jean T. McDonald, R.N., Post Graduate Grace Hospital, Detroit.



GALT GENERAL HOSPITAL



HUGH McCULLOCH MEMORIAL HOME

Just A Mere Apology—This

Truth to tell, Galtonians are not proud of their Main street bridge. It is anything but a credit to the city. Its width is the same as in 1867—or earlier. Its plank walks are uneven showing many patches. The water main surmounting it give the girders a most ungainly appearance. Paint is almost a stranger to the structure. But it is there because—well, for the reason that the millions spent in a waterworks system; in providing sewerage for all parts of the city; in enlarging Central School and adding four ward schools; in replacing gravel and broken stone roads with many stretches of asphalt and tarvia; in covering all the wards with concrete walks; in creating a grand street lighting plant and building the premier Hydro Station of the Province; in notable park and playground developments, have for the nonce left the city in a cautious mood. A breathing spell is desired, while preparing for what must come—a larger and much handsomer bridge on the line of the main artery from east to west. A War Memorial Bridge it may be; but this much is assured: Galtonians, who have for years been in the mood to build wisely when circumstances arise, will surely plan for an ornate utility when the time comes to carry the project through.



LAKE ERIE & NORTHERN RY. (Electric) DEPOT IN GALT.—HEAD OFFICE, GALT

The Galt Y. M. C. A.



Y.M.C.A. on Queen's Square on the old Queen's Hotel Site

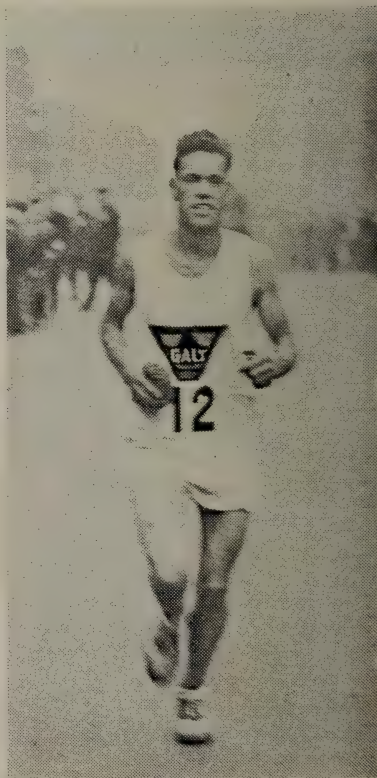
The Young Men's Christian Association of Galt had by 1912 become so secure in the confidence of citizens that it was able, with subscription lists in hand bearing even the names of ladies and gentlemen living in other parts, to erect the present substantial building on Queen's Square and equip it thoroughly. It replaced the famous old Queen's Hotel of village and town times in which many notable gatherings occurred in trying years subsequent to the 1837 Rebellion and before and just after Confederation.

THE PRESENT OFFICERS ARE:

A. L. BENNETT, President; J. G. LORRIMAN, Vice-President; CECIL SIMPSON, Recording Secretary; E. M. McCORMICK, Treasurer.

STAFF—F. J. T. MAINES, General Secretary; SID KIRK, Physical Director; ANGUS OLIVER, Boys' Work Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS—George Aitken, W. A. Dixon, George E. Fisher, D. J. Fleming, R. M. Fraser, Dr. J. W. Gerbracht, A. R. Goldie, George Hancock, E. S. Hood, W. L. McGill, J. F. Roelofson, Andrew Taylor, Geo. R. Taylor, J. H. Wilson.



The Unbeatable Cliff Bricker, Marathon Champ. at the finish of the Buffalo Race, May 30, 1927

The New Collegiate Institute

The most architecturally beautiful public building in Galt is the Collegiate Institute. Former Tassie Boys will not recognize it as the school of their youthful days, so greatly have its proportions changed. But tucked away on the river side is a part of the original building; every stone of which, were it able to talk, could a tale unfold of boyish pranks (when such were possible); of severe reprimands from the Principal's desk; of football contests between the School and the Berlin soccerites under "Dave" Forsyth; of swimming and diving feats; of graduates parting to scatter over the continent.

First one addition, the centre section, then another, to end in a building which is not only the pride of the people of Galt and district, but of the Provincial Department of Education. They were longheaded men in 1850-51 who located the site, purchasing fourteen acres to provide ample playgrounds. Their foresight is seen among other things, in the splendid campus that fronts Water street for nearly four hundred feet, with a depth varying from three to six hundred. A recent purchase by the Board has added four adjoining acres, making the whole, laid out as it is, incomparably the best of Ontario's Collegiate Institute grounds.

Something that has never occurred before in the construction of a school building in this Province marked the erection of the present Collegiate; and it deserves special mention here. The stone that has gone into it was quarried on the ground, a few feet from the site, close to the river bank. Indiana limestone, celebrated throughout the United States as choice building material, and favored by some Canadian architects to an extent that is regrettable, could not present a better appearance. The site of the Collegiate dominates not only a fine river view, but also brings to eyes that love landscape a panorama of hills and valley clothed in the green of the trees for which this section is noted. The "Old Boys and Old Girls" will see the old site, but a new building and surroundings generally that to the aesthetic appeal as in harmony with the splendid structure about to be dedicated during the festivities of the week.

Floral Displays at Street Intersections

About twenty years, shortly before the Old Boys' Re-Union of 1907, the Horticultural Society initiated a system of flower beds at street intersections. From year to year these displays; corners, gores and crescents, have been thus embellished. Visitors will doubtless credit them to a keen public spirit and a love for the beautiful upon the part of citizens generally.



MAIN STREET

Looking up from Water St. with Bank of Montreal at the corner

Stone Construction in Galt

The visitor to Galt will see many stone houses—an unusual number, in fact, for a city of its size. Great beds of limestone exist here, while surrounding farm fields have contributed tens of thousands of loads of field granite since the clearing of bush lands practically ceased. With this material, stores, schools, factories and homes were built, almost setting Galt apart from the average Ontario town in the matter of appearance. Main Street is fifty per cent. stone. The public buildings, such as the City Hall, Collegiate Institute; Central, Dickson and Victoria Schools; the General Hospital; the Public Utilities Building; Curling Rink; Post Office and five Churches—Trinity, Knox, Central and Wesleyan United and the First United, are all of stone construction. Among the shops largely built of stone are the Goldie-McCulloch, Canada Machinery, Cowan & Co., Peter Hay, Turnbull Knitting (C.T.); and Shurly-Dietrich. A later structure, the Public Utilities Building, completed in 1923, is also of stone and fireproof throughout. The Curling Rink is also of stone.



NORTH WATER STREET

Showing I. O. O. F. Block, and lower white stone building at corner, Bank of Toronto

Water Street Commands Admiration

Water Street from its junction with Preston Road—in other words the Galt section of the Provincial Highway—to Concession Street, almost one mile and a half, shows a pavement of 42 feet, of asphalt. It is not approached anywhere among the cities of Western Ontario simply as a roadway and it makes a fine entrance to the city from Preston and Kitchener way. The Canadian Pacific crosses it, but does so overhead, the width between the abutments being 70 feet, the old and first subway of 40 feet having been replaced about 23 years ago. Water Street was one of the last to get into the improvers' hands, the City Council under Mayor Charlton, but when it did it came out with the widest, smoothest and longest stretch of asphalt in the city, with a hill grade that is a credit to all concerned in its construction.



WATER STREET

Looking from corner of Dickson, south, with Bank of Commerce and Post Office in the distance

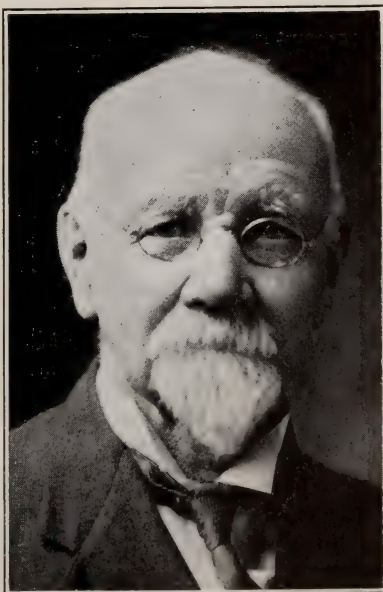
The Galt Chamber of Commerce

A prime necessity in a good industrial town, where questions of moment are continuously cropping up and local action is called for, is a Chamber of Commerce functioning in a broad spirit and with an eye single to the welfare of the community it is striving to serve. Such a body is a clearing house for information and ideas touching the heart of business in its various phases. The Galt Chamber of Commerce is well officered. It has the confidence of manufacturer and merchant. In its rooms various city clubs and associations meet to discuss local, Provincial, and Federal affairs. Without it Galt would be drifting down the stream of non-action. So Galt believes in the Chamber and to-day it is representative of a citizenship that is alert, hopeful and sure of its ground. Every member of this organization is lined up with the promoters of the Galt Centennial and Old Home Week, anxious to serve to create another strong bond between those at home and those abroad, feeling that the spirit of the past linked with that of the present begets Civic Pride, Sound Canadianism and Service.



GALT'S FIRE BRIGADE FIFTY YEARS AGO—A REGULAR OLD TIMER

To the right a photo of William Scott, the oldest living native of Galt, now in his 90th year. An ex-Chief of the Fire Brigade and at one time a Waterworks Commissioner, now living retired.



The Glories of our Woods, Streams and Fields

For the past fifty years this Grand River district has been the landscape artist's paradise. Here Homer Watson has transferred to canvas the glories of our woods, from his studio in Doon having sent out such works of art as to bring him fame in national and international galleries. Here Charles Alexander Smith gathered inspiration for his life's work in landscape and portrait painting, King Edward having sat to him for a portrait in 1902. Here McGillivray Knowles has sojourned for summers feasting on possible subjects for his brush. Here Charles Hetherington in his youth breathed the air of the countryside, rambling along the Grand River, storing up impressions of Nature's bounteous gifts that now form the reservoir from which he is in part drawing material for his brush; at sixty years of age producing his first landscape; since then commanding eulogies from American and Parisian critics. Another painter of renown, Carl Ahrens, a native of this county, has settled down a few hundred yards from Mill Creek and about one mile from the city. Here he is producing landscapes that are the delight of his hosts of old friends. In the days to come this valley will more and more become the mecca of artists who wish to get into an atmosphere that inspires.



GALT CITY CLUB, DICKSON ST.



A. M. EDWARDS
M.P. for South Waterloo



KARL HOMUTH
M.P.P. for South Waterloo

Soldiers' Memorial Home and Hall

At the close of the Great War citizens immediately undertook the raising of funds for the establishment of a Veteran's Club House. For the purpose a large stone residence on Ainslie street south, at the corner of Maple street, then in the market on account of the death of its owner, was purchased, the ratepayers approving a Bylaw for \$15,000, this sum being supplemented by generous subscriptions from private individuals and firms. The plan included the erection of a Memorial Hall, and this was built south of the Club House; and ever since has been used for gatherings of a social and public character, a kitchen and dressing rooms adding to the equipment of the place. All furnishings for the two buildings were supplied by citizens.

The Veterans have a meeting place that is a Home to their liking. During the winter months it is the scene of dances, card parties and dinners, the annual Vimy Ridge Banquet on the 9th of April taking on the color of a civic demonstration, Mayor and aldermen, officials, along with members of Parliament and Legislature attending the function, as many as 250 appearing at the tables.

One of the Heights from which to view the Valley

From Rose street, about midway between Wellington and the C.P.R., one looks down on towers, spires and large industrial buildings. Looming up are the tall chimneys of the Cowan shops, the old Electric Light Works and the Getty & Scott factory. In the distance are seen the spires of Central and Knox Churches and the towers of Trinity Church, the Post Office and the I. O. O. F. building. The bakery of the Canada Bread Company, the new Scroggins Shoe factory, the Turnbull Knitting Company's mills, the Cowan Company machine shops, the Galt Paper Box factory, the Shimer Head shops, the Stauffer-Dobbie Textile factory, the Porter Company's factory, the Katie foundry and the Patent Leather shop—all these combine to make the area the chief industrial section of the city. The Grand River dam, the C.P.R. bridge—the longest and highest between Toronto and Windsor—the river and Dickson Park, flanked by western homes, are added features of the view, which from some vantage points takes in miles of the valley and surrounding hills. It is well worth a look-over in a sight-seeing tour of the city.



MISS PRESTON'S SCHOOL ON DICKSON ST. IN THE EARLY '70's
Now McNaught's Service Station

Galt's Newspaper Life

In 1844 there arrived from the Motherland Peter Jaffray and family. A graduate of Glasgow University and for a time on the staff of one of the Glasgow newspapers, he sought a new field and in Shrewsbury, England, founded the Evening News in that city. After his marriage Canada lured him and he emigrated with the intention of following farming. On reaching Galt an offer came to him to take editorial charge of the Weekly Courier, and the management of the sheet generally. In 1846 he bought the paper and re-named it the Reporter and Waterloo County Advertiser. At his death in 1866 he was succeeded by his sons, Richard, Harry and George; his eldest son, William, who had been associated with him and who had established the Berlin Chronicle, having been appointed Postmaster of Berlin in 1862. The sons carried on until 1878 when in the lamentable Empress of India accident at the dam Harry was drowned. Richard remained in partnership with George for nearly fifteen years, still under the firm name of Jaffray Brothers. The latter was proprietor and editor at the time of his death in 1895, the Reporter having grown into the largest town weekly in Ontario. In 1896 Messrs. J. P. and R. M. Jaffray, of Chicago, bought the paper, the former taking the editorship, thus establishing the third generation of the family in the old office. In 1913 J. P. Jaffray resigned to take the office of Canadian Government Agent at Philadelphia, but continuing as a contributor for several years.

For the past five years the Galt Publishers, Limited, Allan Holmes, President, have published the Daily Reporter, keeping it abreast of the times and largely increasing its circulation in Preston and Hespeler, having in each town its own staff.

This, in brief, is the history of Galt's Oldest Business Enterprise.

The most notable graduate of the Reporter was the late Hon. James Young, who left it at the age of 19 to establish the Galt Reformer, which in 1912 was absorbed by the Reporter.

Once Tar and Plank Walks—Now all Concrete

Can you imagine tar walks on Main street? They were there at one time; and not so many years ago, either. They came up in 1897 to make way for concrete stretches from the bridge to Wellington street, twelve feet in width built under the frontage tax system with the entire cost assessed against the abutting properties. That was the beginning of a from-year-to-year removal of plank and tar and the substitution of cement in the modernization of the walks of the municipality, which extend to the outskirts of the city, with not a road upon which a house has been erected lacking the same.

The Golf and Country Club

A place to charm, to bring enthusiastic exclamations from visitors these summer days, is that very popular and widely known recreational centre on Preston Road at which the Golf and Country Club entertain thousands during the season. In the old days it was known as the Oliver Farm. Secured about eighteen years ago, the outlook on Grand River scenery made it an ideal spot for golfing activities which ever since have given unalloyed enjoyment to members and their guests.

The Club House is a roomy artistic building overlooking one of the picturesque spots for which Grand River is famous. The place is just outside the corporation limits of Galt and can be reached from Waterloo, Kitchener, Galt and Hamilton over the Provincial Highway. The Grand River Electric Railway passes along the entire front, only sixty feet distant. The handsome busses of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Comet Line are other facilities placed at the service of any who desire to use them.

For this year the officers are:—President, Dr. Dan Buchanan; 1st Vice-President, Thos. T. Aitkin; 2nd Vice-Pres., John R. Blake; Hon. Secretary, Forbes Knight. Directors—Capt., R. L. McGill; Hugh L. McCulloch, John A. McIntosh, H. Robarts, Dr. C. R. Cumming, all of Galt; Dr. W. G. Hutchison, Hespeler; W. H. Smith, Preston; J. M. Gillies, Preston.

The Capital Stock issued at the time of the organization amounted to \$30,000. Each share of \$100 has increased in value by 125 per cent—so 'tis said.

Galt and District in the Great War

Galt and district responded nobly to the Empire's call on the 4th of August, 1914. At the end we had to mourn the loss of seven hundred sons. The nucleus of the forces raised here was that part of the 29th Regiment now known as the Highland Light Infantry. Here the 1st Battalion was recruited with one Company. The 34th and 71st received recruits here, with the latter one Company going from Galt. The 111th, a County Battalion, was raised in this city and district. Galt was truly one of the busiest recruiting stations in Western Ontario. From the opening of hostilities this city displayed the most ardent patriotism. While many families mourned the loss of sons, brothers, and fathers, all at the end joined in thankfulness for the Victory of the Cause.

OFFICERS 1927

Col. A. J. Oliver, Hon. Lt.-Col.; Col. A. J. Windell, V.D., O.C. 2nd Inf. Bde; Lt.-Col. R. W. Meikleham, Commanding Officer; Major G. J. Aitkin, 2nd in command; Major R. G. Elliott, Quar. Master; Major D. Fletcher, O.C. A Company; Major A. R. Oliver, O.C. B. Company; Major M. A. Secord, Pay Master; Major W. Steward, O.C. D. Company; Major G. H. Wilkes, O.C. C Company; Capt. Thomas Fink; Capt. Rev. F. C. Harper, Assist. Chap.; Capt. J. H. Howell, Med. Officer; Capt. W. H. Linn, Adj.; Capt. Rev. Canon W. H. Snelgrove, Chap.; Capt. J. O. Twinberrow, Capt. A. B. Turnbull, Asst. Adj.; Lieut. J. M. Adair, Lieut. D. K. Bartleman, Lieut. W. D. E. Donaldson, Lieut. D. H. Hurlbut, Lieut. R. R. Insole, Lieut. J. A. McDonald, Lieut. J. R. McQueen, Lieut. R. N. Norman, Lieut. W. H. Renwick, Lieut. H. Schorse, Lieut. R. Shantz; Lieut. C. M. Taylor, Signalling Officer; Lieut. L. M. Winter, Lieut. E. G. Warnock.

City Hall Just Three Score Years and Ten

Seventy years ago the foundation stone of the City Hall was laid, the lot having been purchased the year previous, the village having at the same time attained the status of a town. Great was the celebration to commemorate the affair. A local chronicler said it was "the most successful municipal display ever made in the town. All the places of business closed at three o'clock. Half-an-hour later a grand procession was formed on the Queen's Square, which presented a fine appearance." The Galt Band was followed by the Galt Rifle Company, in full uniform. Behind the Rifles marched the Oddfellows with their splendid banner and glittering regalia, followed by the St. George's Society, also in regalia, the Firemen in red coats, and the Hook and Ladder Company. The children of the Public and Grammar Schools, and the Mayor, his colleagues and the corporation officials made up the rear guard of the procession. To quote again from the same chronicler:

"When the procession reached the site of the Town Hall and Market, it was found that an unusually large number of spectators had gathered from all parts of the surrounding country. A large platform had been erected in the centre of the work, and there was seated upon it a dazzling constellation of the youth and beauty, composed of the ladies of Galt and vicinity."

The Mayor, Morris C. Lutz, delivered an address, Town Clerk Adam Ker deposited documents, copper, silver and gold coins under the corner stone, the Band played the National Anthem, the crowd cheered, the procession reformed—and then the enthusiastic officials and others sat down to a supper at the Queen's Hotel.

And here we are in 1927 looking at the solid old Hall, built of stone, by Scotch masons, to last for many generations, and wondering what the next twenty years will provide for Galt.

A Wonderful Change Here

The opening year of this century saw on the western hill a section of sixty or seventy acres owned by the Dickson Estate that was devoid of a residence. A large part bush, a still larger part was devoted to the raising of grain. When it was subdivided its proximity to the business district commended it to prospective home builders and since then it has been almost covered with handsome homes. It would be hard to find anywhere in Ontario its equal in beauty. With its paved streets, inside and outside boulevards, well-kept lawns (unfenced), gardens, a profusion of flowers, and other decorations that bespeak good taste in home adornment, and lines of great pines, great maples and elms, all flanked by Victoria Park, here is presented a picture that even city chaps, fresh from urban spots that show many magnificent mansions, may well feast their eyes upon. And it is only one of Galt's many attractive residential sections.

Grand Avenue Features

For a stretch of a mile and one-third Grand avenue from Queen street to the lower end below Crombie street is asphalted, 35 feet wide from curb to curb. For many years it was known as West Main street, the chief building at the south end being the Goldie-McCulloch shops, a training school for expert mechanics for more than sixty years. On Grand avenue also faces the largest of Galt's religious edifices, Knox Church, in local history connected with the names of Rev. J. K. Smith, Dr. Jackson and R. E. Knowles. The Y.M.C.A. adds to the dignity of the avenue although its front is toward Queen's Square. The upper end from Blair road to Queen street is a residential section showing about a dozen attractive homes and many fine maple trees.

Thanks to the late Adam Warnock, Trinity Church Square, bounded by Blair road, Melville street, Grand avenue and Rear street, was in the early eighties redeemed from the rough by the planting of a number of young elms. With sufficient space between each to permit of a healthy growth, they have in forty years grown amazingly, and now form a grove that has not its equal in this part of the Province. Mr. Warnock used skill in planting them in the rocky spot and rightly judged that the trees would receive from the limestone the nourishment required to live and thrive. So it is to-day that this beauty spot on Grand avenue, with its giant elms providing a dozen canopies, stands before citizen and visitor a picture of one of Nature's choicest gifts.

At the extreme south the popularity of the section is attested by the presence of a succession of comfortable homes, with not a lot unoccupied. As a matter of fact, Grand avenue is in that condition from one end to the other; befitting a thoroughfare that was among the first in pioneer days to point the way to solid urban development.

Block built by J. K. Andrews in 1842. At corner of Main and Water Streets. Torn down in 1920 to make room for the present Bank of Montreal.



Galt's Band Leaders, Ancient and Modern

William Gay was among the best of the old-time band leaders. He flourished in the Sixties and Seventies.

At different times the leaders years ago were Prof. Hindmarsh, Prof. Louis DeLima, and Prof. Hulme.

In recent years city bands have been led by R. W. Roelofson, and W. S. Sheppard, the Kilties having been under their charge. The Highland Light Infantry Band has Thomas Porter as its leader, who is also the teacher of the Boys' Band, a remarkably flourishing and popular organization.

Under Bandmaster Roelofson the Kilties have toured the United States; one year having an engagement at the New York Horse Show and later at the somewhat noted State Fair in St. Paul.

Some of Galt's Musical Talent

At the present time Galt has a well organized Symphony Orchestra that is heard in Sunday evening concerts at the Regent Theatre, in front of which hundreds assemble one-half hour or more before the doors open. Mr. McFadyen wields the baton.

The Handel Club is another, composed of One Hundred voices, under the leadership of Mr. J. L. Nichol, organist of Knox Church, doing most worthy service in the cultivation of the love of music in this community.



OLD MAIN STREET, SHOWING VERANDAH
About 60 years ago

On the Banks of the Grand

Some of the long-time absent ones will see quite a difference on the river front between the Upper and Lower bridges. When they left there was here and there a patch of stone embankment while to-day nearly the entire stretch shows a combination of concrete and stone walls. The most extensive job to protect abutting property owners was laid about ten years ago, from Main St. bridge to Trinity Church. Other points have also been treated in a similar manner and it is hoped ere long to fill in the open spaces the entire length of the river between Queen and Concession streets. An Act passed by the Provincial Legislature in 1911-12 provides for the construction, when petitioned for, of river walls under the Frontage Tax system—that is, the municipality undertakes the work and charges the amount against the property or properties, with the costs spread over a period of twenty years. It is hoped, with times improving, the whole stretch on either side will in the near future show a concrete embankment of the character now favored.

Another change noticed will be the disappearance of the old band stand on the North Water street bank and on the spot the Public (Carnegie) Library. Where once Knox Church Manse, with its lawn and patches of evergreens, looked across at the Post Office and Commercial Buildings there stands one of Galt's most important new industries, the Riverside Silk Mills, operated by the four McCormick brothers. To the north can be seen Trinity Church Parish Hall, not the old and honored one of 1905, but a larger and more complete building, also of stone. Generally speaking property owners along the river maintain in good order their stretches facing the stream. And lastly, the old boys will no longer see ancient barns and other dilapidated buildings between Main street bridge and Trinity Church.

The hands of the Improver are still working.

Queen's Square Surrounded by Flower Beds

The visitor when he arrives at Queen's Square will find himself surrounded by flower beds. Central Church at the northeast corner has two floral displays; Knox Church, at the southwest corner, also has two handsome beds. The Y.M.C.A. sports four facing the Square and one facing Grand avenue. Then in the triangle at the southeast corner the Horticultural Society's very large bed commands admiration. To finish off the picture we have the Park Commission's bed in the centre of the Square. Very refreshing are these displays, along with the beautiful maples on the oval, during the hot summer months.

The Terrier Baseball Club

Every fan in Ontario has heard of Galt's Terrier baseball nine. It has been the linch-pin of amateur baseball in Western Ontario; and that is equivalent to saying that it is supporting the strongest League in Canada. In truth the Inter-County League is looked upon in amateur ranks as a deserving leader with such cities as Kitchener, Brantford, Galt, Guelph and St. Thomas, along with the town of Preston giving it the breath of vigorous life.

The 1926 team was composed of A. Reid Oliver, Manager, coach and catcher; George Himes 1b.; M. Murray, 2b.; Norman Himes, s.s.; Harold Lynch, 3b; C. Hoffman and W. Grove in the outfield; pitchers W. Kress, J. Duncan and Friendly Graham. Substitute Clayton Hoffman. Generally speaking the manager used one of the pitchers in the outfield.

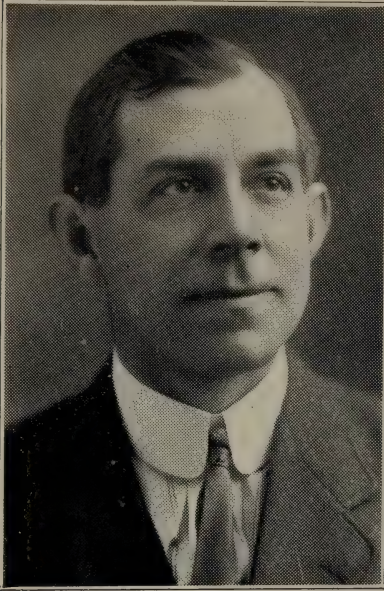
This year's team is composed of Buck Graham, catcher; George Himes, 1b; Clare Hoffman, 2b; Herbert Lynch, s.s.; M. Murray, 3b; Vic Brown, lf.; Wallie Grove, cf.; A. R. Oliver, rf.. Pitchers Friendly Graham, W. Kress, Jack Duncan, C. McCarthy.

The officers for the year are: President, ex-Mayor John McIrvine; 1st Vice-Pres., A. R. Oliver; 2nd Vice-Pres., M. A. Secord; Secretary-Treasurer, Leon Shupe.



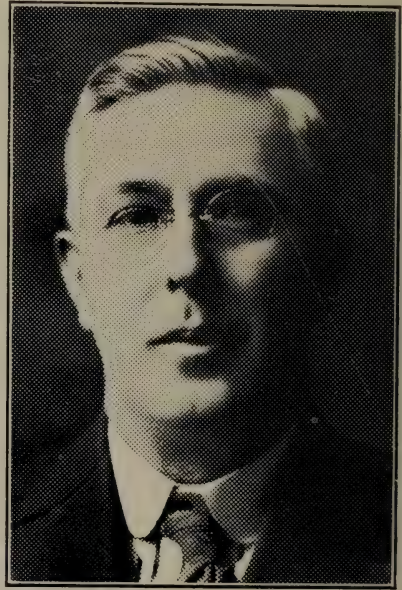
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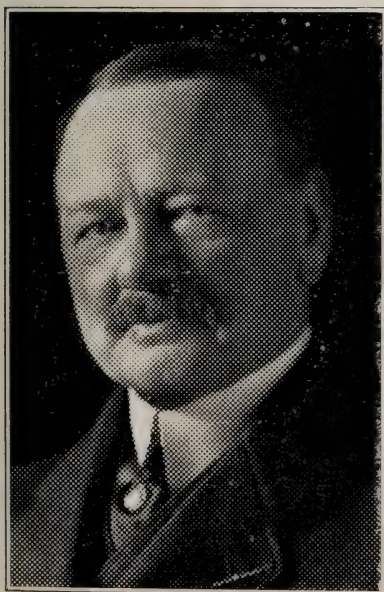
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No better, purer water is consumed in any municipality in Canada than pours through Galt's mains, supplied by artesian wells at the Pumping Station. In twenty-five years there never has been a shortage. After looking for a source or sources of supply among the numerous small lakes back on the hills the Town Council turned to the lower level to meet its needs, and fortunately soon had results from a bore of 200 feet. That well and a Collecting Gallery, and the other wells that were added, banished all doubts as to a supply for all purposes. The Water Tower on the Hospital Hill receives the pumped-up water. Discharged through the pipes it comes to the householder almost as cool as if it had passed over ice on the way down, and this is particularly agreeable to the men of the shops, particularly moulders and machinists. The cost of excavations within the city limits has been very heavy, every foot in the valley having called for blasting. But the city has been saved large expenditures on mains laid miles to some lakes and as well much worry, so that taking one thing with another the artesian wells have solved for Galt a somewhat weighty problem. No visitor to the city need worry as to the quality of the Galt water. It is of the pure the purest.



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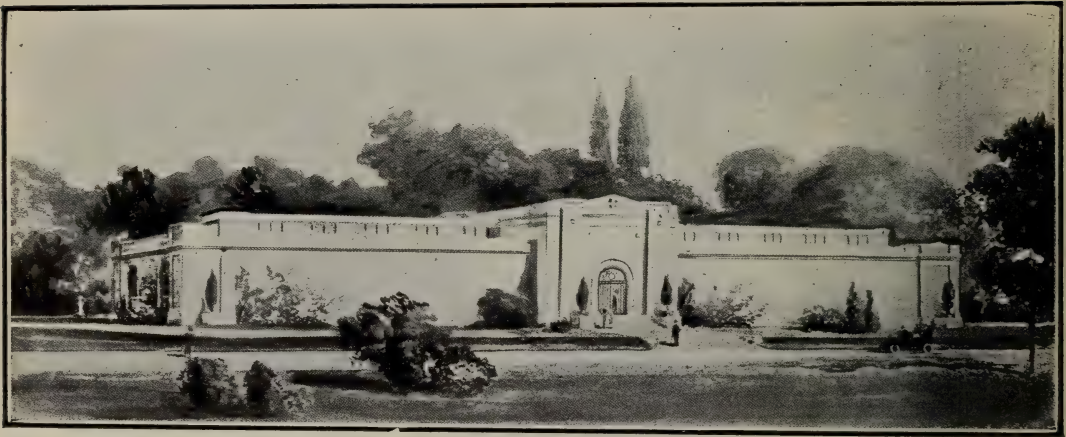
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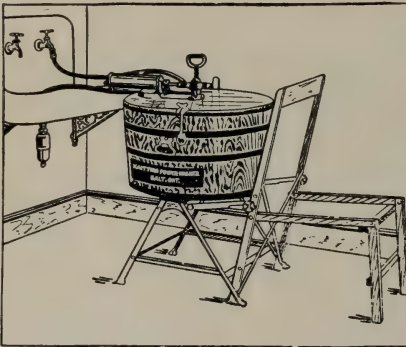


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